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# TO THE UNTOUCHABLES

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to those who's name or place  
of origin is known by no one  
to those who's bullet-ridden blood  
polluted deserts and kitchens

to those who never heard bells  
or trumpets celebrating their arrival  
to those women who suffocated  
inhaling tears and toilets

to those who—like me—were  
born to clean, to work, to wash  
to sell their sweat at two dollars

a gallon. to mi gente, the most  
untouchable of people, here is  
a kiss, an embrace in my poems